

GETTING READY FOR FAIRS:  
SHEEP FOR EXHIBITIONThoughts And Suggestions As to  
Fitting Sheep and Lambs  
for Show.

FAIRS ARE COMING ON Apace

Industry That Is Growing in Virginia  
and the South—Getting Pointers  
at State and County Agricultural  
Expositions.

Fitting live stock and showing it at fairs and expositions has become an established custom in countries where improved live stock is maintained. Beginning with the district or county fair, where the show is of local interest, and passing to the larger show of State, national and international scope, the fitting and showing of superior types of farm animals is of great value and importance to the live stock industry. It impresses upon the minds of all who see the exhibits a knowledge of the types and breeds of farm animals adapted to various purposes, and demonstrates the possibilities in well-bred and well-cared animals when brought to the very best condition by proper feeding and fitting.

To promote this means of education, State fairs, associations, and often times individuals directly or indirectly benefited, offer liberal prizes to encourage breeders to spend their time, energy and money in fitting their animals for show. Exhibitors, however, are usually benefited most by the art and skill which they develop in selecting and feeding their animals and from the publicity they derive from showing them. To be able to show superior animals is the best kind of advertising a stockman can employ. Such advertising is more to be sought after than the prize money offered as premiums. On the other hand, poorly selected and fitted animals detract from the educational features of the showing, misrepresent and injure the breed, and, consequently, give the owner a poor reputation as a breeder and discourage, rather than encourage, lookers on in selecting and rearing better live stock. Too much emphasis cannot be placed, therefore, upon carefully selecting and fitting animals which are to serve for show purposes.

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OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

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The packing houses are being pushed to completion, and the buyers will have no trouble in finding all of the room they want for the handling of the weed after they shall have bought it.

The up-country folks are finding out that Brunswick County is really a bright tobacco growing country, and the young farmers of that region who have been working rented lands are now buying their own. The bright tobacco is a safer means of demonstrating such qualities than is the breeding animal, but there can be no objection if the owner chooses to fit and show some of his breeding herd or flock at his own risk to promote the interests of the breed and advertise his work as a stockman. While he may be criticized for overfeeding, many stockmen may be criticized for underfeeding and failing to bring out the full development of their animals. No serious objection can be offered to show-yard animals when people understand the object of showing and know better than to invest their time and money in endeavoring to imitate show-yard standards of condition in maintaining the practical breeding herd or flock.

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**WEST POINT'S BIG DAY  
RUNS TO EUCLID HEIGHTS**

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Of West Point, and Euclid Heights will be the home place for the operators and operatives of these great business enterprises. These people see the hand in the making of the home, and they are making their homes secure. This explains the sounds of the hammer and the saw and the busy doings in Euclid Heights, which attracted the attention of the visitors to-day. The buildings are making the homes that are to make the busy workers of West Point happy in the days ahead. Some of the home owners of Euclid Heights are worthy of the attention of the pencil and the brush of the best of the artists. Mr. Kodak has tried to do at least a hint of it.

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"Does he butt?" again queried the old man.

"Yes," I answered, "he butts."

"Well," said the old man, looking at me, "this is a fine old dog, but he certainly is a property running about on the highway. I don't see how I can do anything for you. Good day, sir."

BIG TOBACCO CONCERNS  
READY TO BUY THE STOCKWar in Europe Will Not Scare Heavy  
Buyers of Virginia Tobacco Markets.

After a meeting of the board of directors of the American Tobacco Company, held in New York on Thursday last, the following statement was made: "The president stated to the board that this is the regular meeting for the declaration of dividends on the common stock of the company, payable September 1, that the earnings and surplus of the company fully justify the payment of the regular dividend of 5 per cent; that under ordinary circumstances the financial situation of this country would justify such payment in cash, but the regular dividend of the company being considerably exceeded by its cash in bank, he stated further, though, that the time for the market of tobacco has already arrived as to some of the types, and was as to others, and that the needs of the company for ready money would, therefore, be considerably met."

"In view of the European war situation, and the derangement of finances incident thereto, he suggested that it would be the part of conservatism to pay the customary 5 per cent dividend in the form of scrip, or stock of the company, due one year after September 1, 1914, with interest payable semi-annually."

The suggestion of the president met with the approval of the board.

Officials of the British-American Tobacco Company in New York have also made a statement, of which the following is a synopsis:

"Less than 5 per cent of the business of the British-American Tobacco Company is done in countries that are involved in the war. No business at all has ever been done by the company in Austria, France, Russia, Italy or England, and but a small trade has been done in Belgium."

"The plan of making the German tobacco trade a government monopoly will therefore not hurt the British-American. The company has a cigarette factory in Liverpool, but only for export business. In Canada, Australia, China and India there are local factories where additional quantities of cigarettes are produced. The goods now received by those countries from the factories in Liverpool and Virginia. The American ships are not to be molested and that the British navy will probably keep English merchant marine on the seas leads officers of the company to believe that the business will not be hurt at all. The increase of business in other countries is expected to make up more than what is lost in Europe."

Both of these big companies buy the bulk of their stock on the Virginia and Carolina bright markets, and it is evident from the above that their army of buyers will be on these markets, as usual, at the opening of the season. Quite well they know this "war" and the consequent interruption to shipping facilities can't last over six months at the very farthest, and they must have the stock to meet the increased demand for cigarettes and

**ABUNDANCE OF APPLES.**

The philosophy of the Ohio State Journal of contact with Virginia, one of the great grain and apple growing States, we take it to our hearts to say.

"The reports are to the effect that there is to be a prodigious crop of apples and pears in Virginia, wheat, so, come what may, we are to have plenty of bread and apple sauce. How fortunate are we in this America! No war and plenty of apple sauce and bread and butter. Can a man live on this? Can we live nobly on that diet that he can on plum pudding and porthouse steak?"

"Don't bother about the cost of living. A man can live on bread and butter and apples and pears for \$1 a week, and live with a clean conscience, golden dreams and boyish health. Really, if a man materially respects God and lives nobly in this world, there is no telling how cheap he can live. God never intended there should be a high cost of living. He told us there is no need to worry about food and raiment if we lived right."

"And there is apple pie! What grand living just ahead of us! The apple pie will be double what it was last year, and 70 per cent greater than the year before. Learn how to make a tender and loving pastry for the pie and then buy away in the cellar a few barrels of pie-making apples for winter. For apple pie, don't buy by drabs. Buy by barrels and thank the market."

**Fine Country Estate**

Eighteen hundred acres; twelve miles from Kenbridge. Highly improved grain and stock farm. One-third open and in cultivation, balance in wood and timber. Borders on river; to miles woven wire fence; new frame dwelling worth \$8,000; six tenant houses; barns for 200 head stock and other buildings, all practically new. Buildings alone could not be replaced for \$20,000. Land lays almost level; well watered and productive. Sacrifice price, \$15.00 per acre. For full description, write VIRGINIAN REALTY CO., INC., Kenbridge, Va.

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Largest Scuppernon Grape Vine in the World. Covers Over an Acre of Ground.

THE SCUPPERNON GRAPE  
OF EASTERN CAROLINAGreat Wine Producer That Grows to  
Perfection in a Rather  
Limited Territory.

The grape industry in Eastern North Carolina is one that is but little talked about, and yet it is one of the oldest in the country, and one that has made large fortunes for many people in the past.

The famous Scuppernon grape is still grown in Eastern Carolina to perfection. The vine shown here is the largest vine of the Scuppernon species in the United States, and in fact, the largest anybody knows of in the world.

It covers over an acre of ground, and yields from one to two tons of the large grapes annually, according to the season. It is known to be over 200 years old, and is a true tradition of many on Roanoke Island, North Carolina, where it is still grown. It is a heavy and vigorous vine, and has been planted by members of the Raleigh colony, who occupied the island at different times from 1585 to 1590, and who were the pioneers of the colonization in America. It was here that the flag of old England was first spread to the shores of the new world, and not far from the birthplace of Virginia Dare, who was the first child born in America of English parents.

Differing from many other varieties of grapes, the Scuppernon vine requires no pruning. It grows quickly, and is almost immune from disease. The fruit is larger than any other domestic grape, often measuring from two to three inches in circumference. In the South it is extremely popular for the table, and as a wine grape the demand far exceeds the supply. It reaches its greatest perfection in the counties bordering the Atlantic and the sounds of Albemarle and Pamlico, where soil and climate seem particularly favorable for its cultivation. It has been tried with indifferent success in many other States.

Even in California repeated plantings prove the vine has no liking for the conditions found there, and vice versa. The vineifers of California in the vineyards of the Scuppernon have failed.

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SOME NEW INDUSTRIALSIn Spite of Wars and Rumors of Wars,  
Busy Southerners Keep  
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BALTIMORE, August 5.—Among the Southern industrial and other developments, enterprises reported in this week's issue of the Manufacturers Record are the following:

Piedmont Box and Lumber Company, Burlington, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of \$100,000, to manufacture boxes, etc.

Exposition Cotton Mills, Atlanta, Ga., will build addition of three stories, 100,000 feet.

Peoples Gin Company, Belhaven, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of \$100,000 to establish cotton gin, etc.

Southport Fish Scrap and Oil Company, Southport, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of \$25,000 to manufacture fish oil.

St. Albans Hatchery Company, St. Albans, N. C., will build a hatchery, band mill of 50,000 feet daily capacity.

William Jordan Oil and Development Company, Alexandria, La., organized with \$100,000 capital stock to develop oil wells, etc.

L. C. Scott, engineer, and others are interested in proposition to construct hydro-electric plant on Niagara River, near Lin Creek, Mo., to contemplate five dams of forty to fifty feet heads, between Lin Creek and Bonner's Mills and steel tower transmission system to distribute electricity within 100-mile radius.

Hickney Brothers, Wilson, N. C., have plans to erect brick factory in five sections, each section to be 100x100 feet, cost about \$25,000.

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its silver lining.

**About the Size of It.**

A farmer friend writes: "One of my neighbors is a slow moving man, who never seems to be in a hurry, and some people even call him lazy; but I have observed with some chagrin that in the course of the year he manages to do a good bit more work than I do, although I stir about more vigorously. It must be because he never makes any false motions."

**A Thought on Fertilizers.**

The United States obtains practically all its potash salts from Germany, its nitrate of soda, from Chile. Its bone dust, chiefly from Europe, Canada and India, and its miscellaneous fertilizer materials largely from Canada, Germany, Belgium and the United Kingdom, and the war in Europe may mean higher prices for fertilizers to the American farmer.

**Some Experimenting.**

One of the largest experiment orchards in the United States is in Sangamon County, Illinois, in which a total of 1,356 varieties of fruits are being grown. Of these, 1,467 varieties of apples are listed; 60 varieties of pears, 78 of plums, 42 of peaches, 53 of persimmons, 108 of grapes and other kinds of fruit and nuts. This fruit plantation covers eighty-five acres of land.

**The Ubiquitous Assessor.**

Some years ago Mr. Bryan, now the Secretary of State, told a joke on himself, which was published at the time, which was published at the time. A friend of The Times-Dispatch brings it up again, and thinks it well illustrates certain conditions in Virginia at the present time, and may be suggestive in that it points out some of the weak points in the present tax system. Here is Mr. Bryan's story:

"Once out in Nebraska I went to protest against my real estate assessment, and one of the things of which I particularly complained was assessing a coat at \$25. I claimed a coat was no real property in the legal sense of the word, and should not be taxed. One of the assessors, a very pleasant faced old man, obligingly said I could go upstairs with him and together we would look over the rules and regulations and see what could be done."

"We looked over the rules and finally the old man asked: 'Does your goat run loose on the roads?'"

"Well, sometimes," said I, wondering.

**Views and Near-Views:**

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months ending July 31st, amount to \$2,000,000, and permits issued for July, 1914, showed a gain over July, last year, of \$13,431. No large structures are in process of building, and the large number of smaller buildings in progress have made the increase. A gradual gain has been shown for some weeks past.

**One Silver Lining Anyhow.**

A Rome special says, "The Italian government to-day ordered 35,000 tons of American wool for immediate delivery, to replace the Welsh supply cut off by war. A special from Charleston, W. Va., says, 'A pronounced impetus has been imparted to the coal business of West Virginia and West Virginia districts as a result of the war news from Europe. West Virginia companies took heavy contracts to supply coal to Italy, and orders have been received in Italy, and orders have been received by them to hurry shipment.'"

**GOOD ROADS IN BRUNSWICK.**

ALBERTA, Va., August 5.—There is now being circulated through this district of Brunswick County a petition securing signatures of freeholders for the purpose of calling an election to vote on a \$100,000 bond for the improvement. At this time there seems to be no doubt of a successful issue. The farmers of this district have become thoroughly convinced of the fact that good roads are absolutely necessary for further progress, and that the time has come for the improvement of our roads. The petitioners of this district are about twenty miles on the south side of this district, and nothing has been more helpful in convincing the people of the necessity of good roads than this highway.